

Amendment No. 2 to HB2152

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2405

House Bill No. 2152*

by inserting the following new section immediately preceding the last section and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding §§ 49-4-913(a)(1), 49-4-919(a)(1), 49-4-931(d)(1), and any other provision of this part to the contrary, a Tennessee HOPE scholarship student may continue to receive the scholarship after the student earns the student's first baccalaureate degree, if the student:

(1) Continues to meet all applicable eligibility and academic requirements for the student's Tennessee HOPE scholarship;

(2) Earned the student's first baccalaureate degree:

(A) In less than the number of academic semesters projected by the eligible postsecondary institution for a full-time student to complete the student's program of study; and

(B) While receiving a Tennessee HOPE scholarship; and

(3) Is admitted to and enrolled in coursework for a program of study in pursuit of a master's degree, doctorate, or other advanced degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution within three (3) months of the student receiving the student's first baccalaureate degree.

(b) A student who is eligible to continue receiving the student's Tennessee HOPE scholarship after the student has earned the student's first baccalaureate degree may continue to receive the scholarship:

(1) In the amount received by the student for the last semester in which the student was making satisfactory progress in the course of study that culminated with the student earning the student's first baccalaureate degree; and

(2) For each semester that the student would have been eligible to receive the student's Tennessee HOPE scholarship had the student not completed the student's program of study in less than the number of academic semesters projected by the eligible postsecondary institution for a full-time student to earn the student's respective baccalaureate degree.

(c) This section does not allow a student to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship if five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at a postsecondary institution, unless an exception or other provision of law applies.

(d) For purposes of this section, the projected number of academic semesters for a full-time student to earn a baccalaureate degree for a respective course of study must be determined according to the eligible postsecondary institution's course catalog for the academic year in which the student first enrolled at the respective institution.

(e) The Tennessee student assistance corporation may promulgate rules to effectuate this section. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.